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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Inglewood – Two Officers Shot after Confronting Man with Sword

(U) Two officers were wounded and a suspect was killed during a shootout after police responded to reports of a man with a sword entering the Church of Scientology. The suspect who died at a hospital, was not immediately identified. Gunfire erupted around 3:30 p.m. inside the front entrance of the church after police approached the man, who was wearing a hooded sweat shirt and wielding the sword. One officer was struck in a hand, and the other was hit in an arm. They were hospitalized in good condition with non-life-threatening injuries.

SOURCE: 27 March 2019, [Associated Press](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – Meth and Cocaine Seized at International Bridges

(U) Brownsville – US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents and officers seized 39.95 pounds of alleged cocaine and 20 pounds of methamphetamine in two separate busts. Authorities report that agents at the Fort Brown Station responded to reports of possible drug smuggling. Two Mexican nationals were arrested, and the agents seized 20 pounds of methamphetamine valued at \$665,000. Authorities also report officers intercepted what is thought to be cocaine trying to be smuggled into the country by a 22-year-old United States male citizen. The cocaine has a value of over \$308,000. The cocaine was seized, and the man was arrested and turned over to the custody of Homeland Security Investigations special agents for further investigation.

SOURCE: 27 March 2019, [Brownsville Herald](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Georgia – CDC Monitoring Measles Outbreaks Across Country

(U) Atlanta – CDC is currently monitoring six measles outbreaks around the country. Since 21 March, 314 reported cases of measles have been confirmed compared to 374 cases confirmed in all of 2018. Health officials in New York City have reported 181 cases, while Washington state has seen 74 cases. Measles cases have increased in recent years in part because of fears fanned by anti-vaccine activists. Before people began being vaccinated in the early 1960s, four million people were infected every year, with about 50,000 hospitalizations and 500 deaths annually.

SOURCE: 27 March 2019, [ABC News](#)

(U) Virginia – Car Attacker Pleads Guilty to 29 Hate Crimes and Avoids Death Penalty

(U) Charlottesville – James Alex Fields, who was convicted by a jury of driving into a crowd during a 2017 white nationalist rally in, pleaded guilty yesterday to 29 federal hate crimes. The charges each carry a maximum penalty of life in prison, with Fields avoiding the possibility of the death penalty. The charges included one count of a hate crime act that resulted in the death of 32-year-old Heather Heyer, and 28 counts of hate crime acts that caused bodily injury and involved an attempt to kill other people in the

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crowd. Fields had previously pleaded not guilty to those charges, as well as a charge of racially motivated violent interference with a federally protected activity.

SOURCE: 27 March 2019, [CNN](#)

(U) Washington – Two Killed and Two Wounded after Gunman Opens Fire During Rush Hour

(U) Seattle – Two people were killed, and two others critically injured when a gunman opened fire on two motorists and a Metro bus, then caused a collision as he tried to flee in a stolen car during the afternoon rush hour. The incident unfolded in a northeastern Seattle neighborhood when the suspect approached a motorist at an intersection and shot her before walking into the street and firing on the bus. The bus driver was struck but managed to turn the bus around and head away from the assailant, police said. The suspect then approached a second motorist, and opened fire, killing the driver. Officers pursuing the suspect took him into custody following a brief standoff. The suspect, who was not identified, was taken to a local hospital where he remained under guard while being treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

SOURCE: 27 March 2019, [Reuters](#)

(U) West Virginia – Suspect in custody After Threats against President and Pentagon Closes I-68

(U) Hazelton – A 42-year-old man is in custody following the lengthy shutdown of Interstate 68 yesterday. A West Virginia State Police (WVSP) spokesperson said as a result of the investigation based on a traffic stop that occurred earlier yesterday morning, it had been discovered that threats were made to kill the President and to blow up the Pentagon. A search of the vehicle revealed a firearm and an explosive powder. The driver was detained for questioning. WVSP, in conjunction with the FBI and Secret Service, are continuing to investigate.

SOURCE: 27 March 2019, [The Dominion Post](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Austria – Police Arrest ISIS Plot Suspect in Raid**

(U) Vienna – Austrian Special Forces have arrested an alleged ISIS supporter, who is believed to have tried to derail trains in neighboring Germany. The 42-year-old Iraqi national is thought to have twice put obstacles on rail tracks last year. It comes just days after German police arrested 10 people on suspicion of planning an attack. Germany has been on high alert following several jihadist attacks in recent years.

SOURCE: 27 March 2019, [BBC](#)

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